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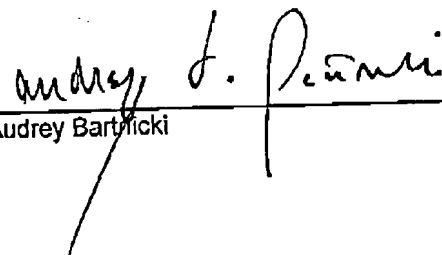
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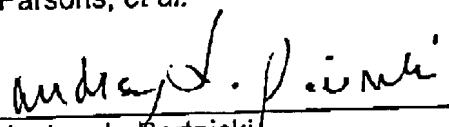
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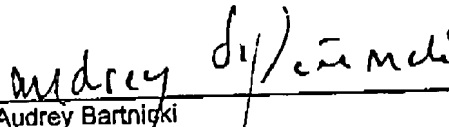
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2006, please consider the following remarks and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.